What is knowledge?

**Knowledge** is a justified, true, belief. It is the state of know, it is the outcome of a process which continues over time.

Eg. I know that I am British becomes I was born in Wales, which is part of Britain and I have a passport to prove it is true.

The definition of knowing

In order for *someone* to know *proposition*. *Proposition* has to be justified. *Proposition* has to be true. *Someone* has to believe *proposition* is true.

Knowledge is something you can absolutely be certain about.

Impersonal propositional knowledge – knowledge by description

Personal knowledge – knowledge by conviction

Subconscious knowledge – knowledge by instinct

**Justification** is appealing to something other then what is being supported, however it has to be relevant and true, have clear language and respect the principles of logic.

In order to justify a belief as true there has to be three likely theories;

**Correspondence** theory

**Coherence** theory

**Pragmatic** theory.

PIE – **P**ublic (is it truth to the public?), **I**ndependent (do you think it is true?) , **E**ternal (will it always be true?)

If the answer to all of these 3 aspects is yes, then there is a *Universal truth*, a permanent fact.

Ways Of Knowing

1. Awareness of the senses
2. Emotions
3. Reasoning
4. Language
5. Logic
6. Authority
7. Experience

**Paradigm** is a model or conceptual system for understanding experience.

Areas Of Knowing

1. Natural science
2. History
3. Art
4. Ethics
5. Math

Knowledge issues, questions you should ask

* Does the issue contain problematic concepts?
* What assumptions r being made?
* What WOK are involved?
* To what AOK does the claim belong?
* Is the knowledge claim cultural bound?
* What knowledge issues does the claim involve?
* What counter claims can be made?
* What are YOUR views on the claim?